



Melbourne Dental School & Melbourne Medical School

No Bell Prize Competition Entrant Guidelines

The No-Bell Prize Competition is an opportunity for graduate researchers enrolled in the Melbourne Dental School (MDS) and Melbourne Medical School (MMS) to practice their research pitching in a friendly and supportive environment.

Hosted by A/Prof Cathy Quinlan (MMS Academic Lead for Graduate Research) and Professor Alastair Sloan (Head, Melbourne Dental School), the event will feature up to 10 graduate researchers attempting to talk about their research for 5 minutes without using jargon such as acronyms and technical language which is not widely understood. Our judging panel will record how many times jargon is used during each presentation, with the winner being the person with the least jargon recorded.

There will be prizes awarded to the winner (\$1,000), the runner up (\$500), and a People's Choice Award voted by the audience (\$250).

Key Dates:

Entries open:	Friday 15 May
Entries close:	Monday 12 June at 5pm
Notification of outcomes:	Friday 23 June
No-Bell Prize event:	Tuesday 11 July from 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Eligibility:

The competition is open to:

- Students who are currently enrolled in an eligible graduate research degree (PhD, Master of Philosophy, Masters by Research, Doctor of Medicine) in the Melbourne Medical School or Melbourne Dental School

Application process:

Applicants are required to submit a video as detailed below. Submissions will be assessed in line with judging criteria.

These videos will be used by the selection panel to select presenters for the No Bell Prize, and not made available outside this process. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present in person at the No-Bell event on Tuesday 11 July between 1-3.30pm.

Applications are to be submitted via the [No Bell Prize Application Form](#) by 5pm on the closing date Monday 12 June.

Recording guidelines:

- Applicants will submit a short (up to 90 seconds) video about their research. You can focus on one study, one result or an overview of their whole PhD, but it must be within the time limit.
- Applicants will not be judged on video/recording quality or editing capabilities; submissions will be assessed on the audio content based on the judging criteria below.
- Please make sure you are clearly visible and your audio is clear. Audio only entries are not permitted. No slides or props (like costumes or lab equipment) to be used.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through speech. Content delivered after the 90 second mark will not be considered by the selection panel. The audio must be continuous – no sound edits or breaks. No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted within the video recording.
- Submissions via video format. Files sent in other formats will not be accepted.
- The decision of the selection panel is final.

Judging criteria:

Comprehension and content

- Presentation provided clear research context, significance and potential impact
- The presentation followed a clear and logical sequence

Engagement and communication

- The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience.
- The speaker avoided scientific jargon, explained terminology and provided adequate background information to illustrate points.
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention.
- The speaker had sufficient "stage presence", eye contact and vocal range; maintained a steady pace, and had a confident stance.

Submitting your application

Videos must be submitted via [No Bell Prize Speaker EOI Form](#)

Please note that the video files may take a while to load onto the form. The submit button appears greyed out until the video loads which may take up to 5 minutes. If you are having trouble with the form, please contact Karla mms-research@unimelb.edu.au . Do not send your video to this email address – all entries must be submitted via the form.

Resources:

You can find some tips on recording your presentation here (noting that our videos do not include a slide): <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/3mt-video-recording-competitor-guide>.

Presenting at the Event

If selected to present at the No Bell Prize, you will be asked to present your research in person for 5 minutes which includes a 1 minute introduction to your research, 3 minutes of questions from the host, and 1 minute of questions from the audience. You will not be using slides or other props. The prize is awarded based on the least amount of jargon used during your entire 5 minute presentation.

You will also be offered 2 additional seats at the No Bell Prize event for anyone you would like to invite to support you on the day.

For more information:

If you need more information, please contact the team via mms-research@unimelb.edu.au